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1. SUMMARY. EMOTIONAL WELCOME AT AIRPORT AUGUST 30 WHEN VAN DER STOEL WAS NEARLY DISMEMBERED BY ENTHUSIASTIC CROWD WAS FOLLOWED BY SERIES OF MEETINGS WITH PRIME MINISTER AND KEY CABINET MEMBERS. CARAMANLIS GAVE TWO PRECONDITIONS FOR RETURN TO NEGOTIATIONS--POSITIVE STEPS TAKEN BY TURKS TO RELIEVE REFUGEE PROBLEM INCLUDING GESTURE OF GOODWILL SUCH AS RETURN OF 50,000 GREEK CYPRIOT REFUGEES TO FAMAGUSTA AND PULLBACK OF TURKISH FORCES. GREEKS COULD THEN CONSIDER FEDERATED STATE PROPOSAL. FM MAVROS UNDERSCORED IMPORTANCE OF CLERIDES-DENTASH TALKS WHICH COULD LEAD TO
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POLITICAL NEGOTIATIONS.MINDEF AVEROFF STRESSED EC-NINE

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SHOULD PRESSURE TURKS TO TAKE LENIENT STAND ON REFUGEE PROBLEM. ON GREEK MILITARY WITHDRAWAL FROM NATO CARAMANLIS TOLD VAN DER STOEL DECISION WAS DEFINITE, HOWEVER, WHEN CYPRUS RESOLVED DECISION COULD BE RECONSIDERED. GREEK ECONOMY AND ASSOCIATION AGREEMENT DISCUSSED AT LENGTH INCLUDING FINANCIAL PROTOCOL UNDER WHICH GOG HOPES TO ARRANGE NEW LOANS. END SUMMARY.

2. CYPRUS NEGOTIATIONS. NETHERLANDS EMBASSY COUNSELOR WHO PARTICIPATED IN VAN DER STOEL'S MEETINGS WITH GREEK MINISTERS ALONG WITH AMBASSADOR BARKMAN TOLD EMBOFF IN DEBRIEFING ON VISIT THAT FIRST AGENDA ITEM WAS CYPRUS CRISIS. EMBASSY COUNSELOR SAID IN CONTRAST TO SANGFROID OF PRIME MINISTER, WHO KEEPS EYE ON DOMESTIC REPERCUSSIONS, FM MAVROS APPEARED JUMPY, EMOTIONAL AND OFTEN ESPOUSED EXAGGERATED VIEWPOINT. CARAMANLIS RECOUNTING CYPRUS EVENTS DIFFERENTIATED BETWEEN FIRST TURKISH INVASION WHICH HE INHERITED AND SECOND ATTACK WHICH WAS HUMILIATION FOR HIS GOVERNMENT. CARAMANLIS COMMENTED ANY SOLUTION TO CYPRUS MUST INCLUDE PSYCHOLOGICAL ASPECT OF ALLEVIATING GREEK HUMILIATION AND RESTORING PRIDE AND HONOR TO GREEK PEOPLE AND ARMED FORCES.

3. TURNING TO QUESTION OF RESUMPTION OF NEGOTIATIONS CARAMANLIS SAID GOG SETS TWO PRECONDITIONS: PROGRESS ON REFUGEE PROBLEM WHICH HELPFULLY COULD INCLUDE TURKISH GOODWILL GESTURE SUCH AS RETURN OF 50,000 DISPLACED GREEKS TO FAMAGUSTA AND WITHDRAWAL OF TURKISH MILITARY TO UNDEFINED POSITIONS BUT NOT PULLBACK TO AUGUST 9 MILITARY LINES AS GREEKS ORIGNIALLY HAD DEMANDED. CARAMANLIS STRESSED RETURN TO DISPLACED PERSONS MUST BE ACCOMPLISHED IN WAY TO ENSURE FUTURE SAFETY OF THOSE MOVING BACK TO HOMES AND FARMS IN TURKISH OCCUPIED AREAS. IF THESE PRECONDITIONS WERE FULFILLED GREEKS COULD CONSIDER ESTABLISHMENT OF FEDERATED STATE.

4. CYPRUS CONTINUED AS PRINCIPAL SUBJECT AT SECOND MEETING AUGUST 31 IN WHICH MINDEF AVEROFF PARTICIPATED AS WELL AS MAVROS AND MFA OFFICIALS. GREEK SIDE SAID THEY ATTAHCED IMPORTANCE TO CLERIDES-DENKTASH TALKS AND CAN ACCEPT ON

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THEIR PART WHATEVER IS ACCEPTABLE TO CLERIDES. OPTIMISM WAS EXPRESSED THAT IF CLERIDES-DENKTASH TALKS SUCCEEED ON REFUGEE AND HUMANITARIAN ISSUES TALKS COULD CONTINUE ON OTHER PROBLEMS EVENTUALLY LEADING TO POLITICAL NEGOTIATIONS. AVEROFF EMPHASIZED THAT EC-NINE SHOULD PUT PRESSURE ON TURKS TO REALIZE INHUMANITY OF DISPOSSESSING ONE-THIRD OF GREEK CYPRIOT POPULATION. EC-NINE SHOULD INFLUENCE TURKS TO TAKE LENIENT POSITION ON REFUGEES AND

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TO VIEW MORE REALISTICALLY QUESTION OF 18 PERCENT OF ISLAND'S POPULATION POSSESSING 40 PERCENT OF TERRITORY. GREEKS MADE ADDITIONAL POINT THAT ACCEPTANCE OF FEDERATED SOLUTION WAS CONDITIONAL ON NO EXCHANGE OF POPULATIONS SINCE THIS WOULD VIRTUALLY MEAN PARTITION.

5. GREEK MILITARY WITHDRAWAL FROM NATO. PRIME MINISTER STATED THAT WHILE DECISION WAS DEFINITE, IT COULD BE RECONSIDERED WHEN AND IF CYPRUS SITUATION IS SOLVED.

6. GREEK ASSOCIATION AGREEMENT WITH EEC. IN LATER MEETING WITH MINISTER OF COORDINATION ZOLOTAS, MINISTER OF FINANCE PESMAZOGLOU AND ECONOMIC ADVISERS VAN DER STOEL WAS BRIEFED ON DEBILITATED STATE OF GREEK ECONOMY. GREEK MINISTERS POINTED OUT PRESENT GOVERNMENT INHERITED INFLATION PROBLEM, UNBALANCED INVESTMENT PORTFOLIO ON WHICH MILITARY REGIME CONCENTRATED ON SPECTACULAR PROJECTS AND NEGLECTED BASIC INFRASTRUCTURE AND INDUSTRIAL INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITIES. GREEK SIDE SAID CURRENT ACCOUNT DEFICIT FOR 1974 WOULD AMOUNT TO OVER $1 BILLION PERHAPS AS HIGH AS $1.5 BILLION AND STRESSED NEED FOR LONG-TERM LOANS. GREEK OFFICIALS ENVISAGED TWO TRANCHES OF ABOUT $400 MILLION EACH TO COVER GAP. GERMANS HAVE BEEN APPROACHED FOR MAJOR LOAN AS WELL AS OTHER EUROPEAN SOURCES WITH POSSIBILITY FLOATED OF EEC PROVIDING LOAN GUARANTEE.

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7. GREEKS INDICATED DESIRE TO ATTAIN FULL MEMBERSHIP IN COMMON MARKET AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AND EXPRESSED HOPE IMPLEMENTING MEASURES COULD BE ACCELERATED TO ALLOW MEMBERSHIP BEFORE 1984. GREEK MINISTERS INDICATED KEEN INTEREST IN EEC LOAN POSSIBILITIES UNDER FINANCIAL PROTOCOL; PICKING UP REMAINDER ($55 MILLION) OF 1962 EUROPEAN INVESTMENT BANK LOAN AND APPLYING FOR ADDITIONAL LOANS SEEKING TO MATCH THOSE RECEIVED BY TURKEY. VAN DER STOEL REMINDED GREEK COLLEAGUES IN CONNECTION WITH LOAN APPLICATIONS OF IMPORTANCE TO EEC MEMBERS OF GREECE'S RESTORING DEMOCRATIC INSTITUTIONS. VAN DER STOEL ALSO RECALLED TO GREEKS ARTICLE 60 OF TREATY OF ASSOCIATION WHICH DEALS WITH BALANCE OF PAYMENTS PROBLEMS. DUTCH FM SUGGESTED RESIEF FOR GREECE'S BALANCE OF PAYMENTS PROBLEM IS BETTER DIRECTED TO ARTICLE 60 AND NOT TO EUROPEAN
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INVESTMENT BANK WHICH LENDS ONLY FOR SPECIFIC PROJECTS. VAN DER STOEL PLEDGED TO CONVEY TO EUROPEAN COLLEAGUES URGENCY OF GREEK ECONOMIC PLIGHT AND OFFERED TO HELP IN ALL WAYS POSSIBLE.

8. OTHER ITEMS. DUTCH FM TOLD GREEK MINISTERS OF COUNCIL OF EUROPE'S INTEREST IN SENDING DELEGATION TO GREECE. MAVROS REJOINED THAT GOG SHOULD INVITE SUCH DELEGATION PROMPTLY. MAVROS ADDED THAT HE HAD WRITTEN TO COUNCIL OF EUROPE'S PRESIDENT CONCERNING GREECE'S ADHERENCE TO CONVENTION FOR PROTECTION OF HUMAN RIGHTS. AT NETHERLANDS EMBASSY OPEN HOUSE FOR VAN DER STOEL AUGUST 31 OVER 150 FRIENDS OF FOREIGN MINISTER GREETED HIM INCLUDING FORMER GREEK DEPUTIES, EX-MINISTERS, RETIRED AIR FORCE WAR ACE MINIS AND CELEBRITIES SUCH AS MELINA MERCOURI. EMBASSY COUNSELOR SAID VAN DER STOEL'S THREE-DAY VISIT ACHIEVED ITS PURPOSE OF DEMONSTRATING TO GREEK GOVERNMENT STRONG FRIENDSHIP FELT BY WESTERN EUROPEANS. VAN DER STOEL ALSO TOOK OPPORTUNITY TO MEET AGAIN WITH CLOSE GREEK FRIENDS SUCH AS PESMAZOGLOU, PROTOPAPPAS, MANGAKIS AND OTHERS AND WAS EXTREMELY MOVED BY WARM RECEPTION. EMBASSY COUNSELOR COMMENTED THAT GREEK ENTHUSIASM AT AIRPORT NEARLY DID IN VAN DER STOEL WHOSE COAT BUTTONS WERE

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PULLED OFF AND SHIRT RIPPED IN HUGGING AND TUGGING BY
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